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Alleged periodical visitations of cholera in Kistna district.

* 187 Q.—The ZAMINDAR OF GOLLAPALLI : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government are aware of the periodical visitations of the epidemic of cholera in Kistna district ;

(b) whether it is a fact that the abovesaid epidemic is spread by the Kistna river ; and

(c) if so, whether the Government will be pleased to call for proposals for providing sufficient disinfecting screens at the mouth of the delta?

A.—(a) Yes. The following statement shows the incidence of mortality from cholera in the Kistna district from 1918 up to the 14th August 1928 :—

Year.	Death from cholera.
Kistna district before bifurcation—	
1918	8,213
1919	1,003
1920	2,125
1921	2,430
1922	204
1923 to 1925	141
Kistna district after bifurcation—	
1926	14
1927	1,812
1928 January to 14th August 1928 ...	1,970

(b) No. But the river canals are to a large extent responsible for the spread of infection.

(c) The suggestion is considered to be impracticable.

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—" May I ask the hon. Minister for Public Health whether the Government are aware that large quantities of impure water are falling into the Krishna canal and that is the reason for the spread of cholera in the Kistna district ? " 11-45 a.m.

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" At present I am not aware of it. The hon. Member being the Chairman of the municipality, I believe, his information may be correct."

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—" In view of that fact, may I ask whether the Government will be pleased to bring into operation at an early date a drainage scheme ? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" If the municipality has made an application and if the municipality is anxious to carry on the measure, I am sure the Government will not be lacking in their help."

Progress of the drainage scheme of Rajahmundry.

* 188 Q.—The ZAMINDAR OF GOLLAPALLI : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state in what stage the drainage scheme of Rajahmundry is?

A.—At the request of the Rajahmundry Municipal Council, the Government have recently sanctioned the investigation of a partial scheme for the construction of an intercepting sewer along the river-bund.